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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

> RE: **HEARING APPLICATION**

> > Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A

Elm Grove Field

Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Our File No. 430071.0063

Dear Sir:

On behalf of QUESTAR EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, and the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize five (5) additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SU65 and HOSS RA SU59, at the locations shown on the plats attached hereto, four (4) of which are in exception to the well spacing provisions of Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972.
- 2. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize four (4) additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SU70 and HOSS RA SU64, at the locations shown on the plats attached hereto, all of which are in exception to the well spacing provisions of Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972.
- 3. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize six (6) additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SU71 and HOSS RA SU65, at the locations shown on the plats attached hereto, three (3) of which are in exception to the well spacing provisions of Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972.
- 4. To explicitly find that the abovesaid wells are necessary to drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, and the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field underlying CV RA SU65, CV RA SU70, CV RA SU71, HOSS RA SU59, HOSS RA SU64 and HOSS RA SU65, respectively, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well in such units.
- 5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

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The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-B Series.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-A Series.

The Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation pertaining to the Pre-Application Notice requirements, are not applicable to the hearing requested herein, which requires legal notice of only ten (10) days.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of the undersigned. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call the undersigned at (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write the undersigned at the above address in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plats, are being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A check in the amount of \$4,530.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

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cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager,

Office of Conservation (w/enclosures)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)



